# **Cover Sheet**

Exhibit A

USAC Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter

**Chesterfield County Public Schools** 

CC Docket No. 02-6



## Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter Funding Year 2014: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

July 27, 2015

Brian D. Jones CHESTERFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 13900 Hull Street Road Midlothian, VA 23112

Re: Form 471 Application Number:

Funding Year:

978732 2014

Applicant's Form Identifier:

Internet2

Dilled Detites Numbers

126544

Billed Entity Number:

20110100

FCC Registration Number:

0011810835

SPIN:

143005695

SPIN Name:

Sprint Communications Co. L.P.

Service Provider Contact Person:

Christina Halley

Our routine review of Schools and Libraries Program (Program) funding commitments has revealed certain applications where funds were disbursed in violation of Program rules.

In order to be sure that no funds are used in violation of Program rules, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) must now recover these improper disbursements. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the recoveries as required by Program rules, and to give you an opportunity to appeal this decision. USAC has determined the applicant is responsible for all or some of the Program rule violations. Therefore, the applicant is responsible to repay all or some of the funds disbursed in error.

This is NOT a bill. The next step in the recovery of improperly disbursed funds process is for USAC to issue you a Demand Payment Letter. The balance of the debt will be due within 30 days of that letter. Failure to pay the debt within 30 days from the date of the Demand Payment Letter could result in interest, late payment fees, administrative charges and implementation of the "Red Light Rule." The FCC's Red Light Rule requires USAC to dismiss pending FCC Form 471 applications if the entity responsible for paying the outstanding debt has not paid the debt, or otherwise made satisfactory arrangements to pay the debt within 30 days of the notice provided by USAC. For more information on the Red Light Rule, please see "Red Light Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" posted on the FCC website at http://www.fcc.gov/debt collection/faq.html.

#### TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal the Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery decision indicated in this letter to USAC, your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

- 1 Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
- 2. State outright that your <u>letter</u> is an <u>appeal</u>. <u>Identify the date</u> of the Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter and the <u>Funding Request Number(s)</u> (FRNs) you are appealing. Your letter of appeal must include the
- · Billed Entity Name,
- · Form 471 Application Number,
- · Billed Entity Number, and
- · FCC Registration Number (FCC RN) from the top of your letter.
- 3. When explaining your appeal, copy the language or text from the Funding Disbursement Recovery Report that is the subject of your appeal to allow USAC to more readily understand your appeal and respond appropriately. Please keep your letter to the point, and <u>provide documentation</u> to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal including any correspondence and documentation.
- 4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider (s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
- 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

We strongly recommend that you use one of the electronic filing options. To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to appeals@sl.universalservice.org or submit your appeal electronically by using the "Submit a Question" feature on the USAC website. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to us on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit 30 Lanidex Plaza West PO Box 685 Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

For more information on submitting an appeal to USAC, please see "Appeals" in the "Schools and Libraries" section of the USAC website.

#### FUNDING DISBURSEMENT RECOVERY REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Disbursement Recovery Report (Report) for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed Report includes the Funding Request Number(s) from the application for which recovery is necessary. See the "Guide to USAC Letter Reports" posted at http://usac.org/sl/tools/reference/guide-usac-letter-reports.aspx for more information on each of the fields in the Report. USAC is also sending this information to the service provider for informational purposes. If USAC has determined the service provider is also responsible for any rule violation on these FRN(s), a separate letter will be sent to the service provider detailing the necessary service provider action. The Report explains the exact amount the applicant is responsible for repaying.

Schools and Libraries Division Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Christina Halley Sprint Communications Co. L.P.

### Funding Disbursement Recovery Report for Form 471 Application Number: 978732

Funding Request Number:

2666989

Services Ordered:

INTERNET ACCESS

SPIN:

143005695

Service Provider Name:

Sprint Communications Co. L.P.

Contract Number:

13-0725-Sprint

Billing Account Number:

927058316

Site Identifier:

126544

Funding Commitment:

\$51,964.92

Funds Disbursed to Date:

\$38,973.69

Funds to be Recovered from Applicant:

\$38,973.69

Disbursed Funds Recovery Explanation:

After multiple requests for documentation and application review, it has been determined funds were improperly disbursed on this funding request. Services were delivered to an entity that was not approved on an FCC Form 471 and is therefore ineligible to receive discount services. FCC rules state that only eligible entities that make a bona fide request for support are eligible to receive benefits under the program. The following address 6730 Safety Way Chesterfield, VA is listed on the bills and received internet access services but was not listed on the block 4 of 471#978732. Accordingly, USAC will seek recovery of \$38,973.69 of improperly disbursed funds from the applicant.